

PATENT

Customer No. 22,852

Attorney Docket No. 02481.1671-01

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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Franz-Josef RUBRODER et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1646

Application No.: 09/991,964 ) Examiner: Olga N. Chernyshev, Ph.D.

Filed: November 26, 2001 )

For: PROCESS FOR THE )  
STABILIZATION OF PROTEINS IN )  
COMPLEX MIXTURES DURING )  
THEIR STORAGE IN AQUEOUS )  
SOLVENTS )Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Enclosed is a reply to the Office Action of December 20, 2002. The items checked below are appropriate:

Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time to respond to the above Office Action. The fee of \$410.00 for the Extension is enclosed.

The claims are calculated below:

|   | Claims Remaining<br>After Amendment |   | Highest Number<br>Previously Paid | Present<br>Extra | Rate    | Additional<br>Fee |
|---|-------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|------------------|---------|-------------------|
| Total   | 62                                  | - | 55                                | 7                | x \$ 18 | \$ 126.00         |
| Indep.  | 4                                   | - | 3                                 | 1                | x \$ 84 | \$ 84.00          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim(s) |                                     |   |                                   |                  | +\$280  |                   |
|   |                                     |   |                                   |                  | TOTAL   | \$ 210.00         |

A fee of \$210.00 to cover the cost of the additional claims added by this reply is enclosed.  
 A check for \$620.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Dated: May 9 2003

By: Elizabeth A. Doherty  
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